# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
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EXPLOSION IN ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of fire / explosion incidents took place during the last three years and the current year in various Ordnance Factories / Depots / sub-depots / trucks and loss suffered by the Government as a result thereof;

(b) the loss of life and property suffered in each incident, separately;

(c) whether inquiries have been conducted by the Government into these incidents;

(d) if so, the details of causes thereof, incidents-wise and the action taken against the persons held responsible in each case; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The details of fire / explosion incidents that took place during the last three years and the current year in various Ordnance Factories and the loss of life and property suffered in each incident are at Annexure-A. There have been no incidents of fire / explosion in Army Ordnance Depots / Sub Depots / Trucks in the last three years.

(c) Yes, Madam. Inquiries have been conducted by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in each incident / accident.

(d) The details of causes of such incidents / accidents and the action taken against the persons held responsible in each case are at Annexure-B.

(e) To prevent recurrence of such incidents / accidents in future, all the remedial measures suggested by Board of Enquiry (BOE) in each case have been implemented comprehensively. Also, OFB has launched a massive modernisation drive and taken necessary steps to implement the latest technologies including automation. These will minimise human involvement during the manufacturing process in the Ordnance Factories as a result of which recurrence of such incidents / accidents will diminish to great extent.